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Overworked drivers & conductors of KSRTC can finally get a break with 2,000 new recruitments; so far, corporation has been depending on private drivers who lack formal training

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The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) that has been reeling under a staff shortage can breathe a sigh of relief with the recruitment of 2,000 driver-cum-conductors. The existing workforce has long been stretched thin due to shortages, extended shifts, and mounting overtime. The latest hiring comes after an eight-year gap and is part of a broader plan to strengthen public transport services across the state.

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy distributed appointment letters to the selected driver-cum-conductors at the KSRTC headquarters in Shanthinagar on Tuesday.

Staff shortages, over-time, and work pressure

As of now the many of the KSRTC workers have been managing extended shifts and dual responsibilities due to staff shortages.

Over the years, KSRTC drivers have been operating long routes, often exceeding 400 km per shift, with little rest. As per transport norms, such distances typically require two drivers. However, due to a shortage of staff, the

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01 Boundless beings

Free-floating, untethered, and massive in scale, Janarthanan Rudhramoorthy's magnificent metallic beings are taking centre stage in KYNKYNY's latest exhibition. **Where: KYNKYNY Art Gallery, Infantry Road; When: May 30 to June 27, 11 am to 6 pm**

02 Theatrical magic

Tanariri Theatres is presenting 'Matsya Avatar', a story of love, survival, and the weight of choices in the face of disaster. **Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar; When: June 20, 7.30 pm**

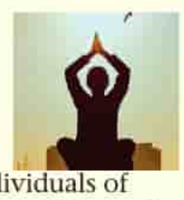
03 Raga realm

Windmills is presenting 'A Carnatic Quartet', an evocative evening of classical music curated by renowned violinist Shreya Devnath, bringing together four exceptional artistes and two rare instrumental pairings that explore the vast sonic landscape of the Carnatic tradition. **Where: Windmills, Whitefield; When: June 20 and 21, 9.30 pm**

04 Colourful delight

Charaka Womens' Co-operative Society, in association with Desi Trust, is organising a 'Natural Tie-Dye' workshop, providing an introduction to the art of natural dyeing. **Where: Samagata Foundation, Church Street; When: June 20, 2 pm to 3 pm**

05 Yoga fun



On the occasion of World Yoga Day, Trilife Hospital, in collaboration with Attitude In Reflection Studio and Little Stars Academy, invites individuals of all age groups for a unique yoga competition and quiz. **Where: Flormont World School, Ramamurthy Nagar; When: June 21, 6.15 am to 9 am**

BU to introduce mandatory insurance for students

University plans to ensure compulsory enrolment under Pradhan Mantri Jan Suraksha Yojana; considers private insurance providers to offer broader benefits

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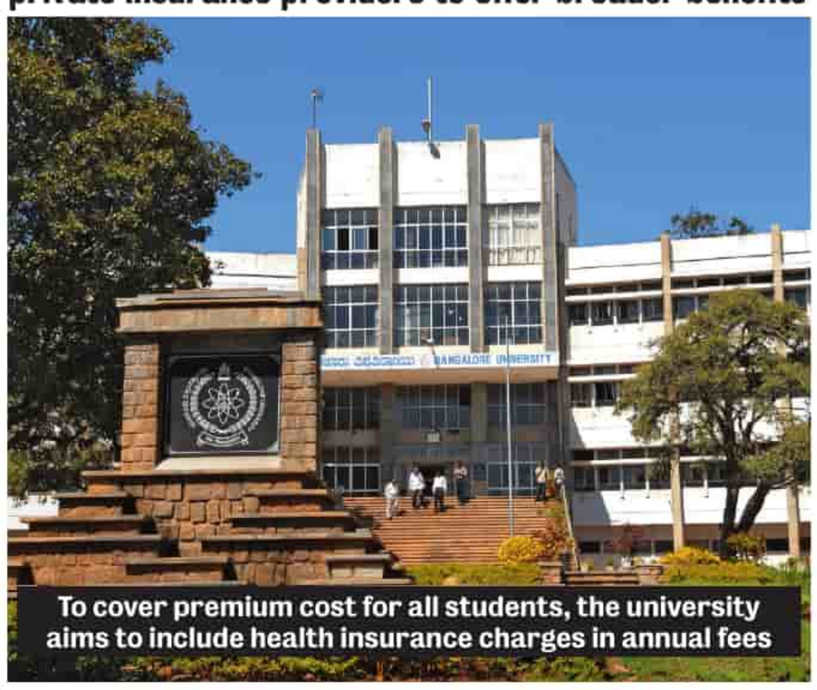

To cover premium cost for all students, the university aims to include health insurance charges in annual fees

Bangalore University has decided to make health insurance and central government-backed life and accident insurance schemes mandatory for all its students. With over 4,000 students currently pursuing undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral courses across 54 departments, the university aims to ensure basic health coverage for every student. Given the financial constraints in covering the premium cost for all students, the university has resolved to include health insurance charges in the annual student fees. This decision was ratified in the university's recent syndicate meeting.

A BU official said that there has been a long-standing demand from students for health insurance benefits. Responding to this, the university had previously opened a dedicated counter on campus to register students under the Ayushman Bharat scheme. "However, the limited coverage under the government scheme prompted the administration to explore partnerships with private insurance providers to offer broader benefits," said the official.

Additionally, the university plans to ensure compulsory enrolment of all students—across departments and affiliated colleges—under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Suraksha Yojana, which offers accident insurance coverage. A dedicated committee has been formed to facilitate this process, including evaluating and recommending appropriate insurance premiums.

Students have urged the university not to overburden them with extra charges in the name of health insurance

The urgency of this initiative was further underscored by a tragic incident involving HN Pavana, a student at the university's Kannada Study Centre, who died by suicide in the campus hostel. In response, Vice-Chancellor Dr SM Jayakar provided her family with Rs 3 lakh as ex-gratia compensation from the 'Vice-Chancellor's Discretionary Student Fund', considering the family's dire financial condition. The university believes that such unfortunate incidents highlight the importance of institutionalising comprehensive insurance coverage for students.

Students demand quality care

Students have urged the university not to overburden them with extra charges in the name of health insurance. Instead, they want the university to bear a larger share of the cost. They also emphasised the need for better infrastructure and medical facilities at the on-campus health centre.

"Most of our students come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds and cannot afford private health or life insurance on their own. However, given our financial constraints, the university cannot fully fund it either. That is why we have decided to implement the central government's insurance schemes for our students," said Dr SM Jayakar, Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University.

Election within 4 months for existing BBMP jurisdiction

A meeting of public representatives chaired by Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar discussed conducting BBMP elections within the next four months before finalising the jurisdiction of the proposed Greater Bengaluru Authority. Deputy CM Shivakumar stated that within the next four months, five new corporations may be formed under the existing BBMP area, elections will be announced, and only then will the Greater Bengaluru Authority's jurisdiction be expanded. The government aims to reshape BBMP under the Greater Bengaluru Authority. As per law, seven corporations can be formed. Of these, five will manage the central zones and two will oversee the outskirts. **— BMB**

Minister warns against falling prey to touts

Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil has issued a strong advisory to students and parents not to fall victim to brokers or middlemen promising medical seats in exchange for money. "Students aspiring to become doctors and who have appeared for the NEET (National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test) must remain vigilant. Under no circumstances should they fall into the trap of unscrupulous agents," the minister cautioned. He advised against making hasty decisions in desperation to secure a medical seat from unofficial sources.

The minister also warned that those found misleading or scamming students and their families will face strict legal action. **— BMB**

HC urges formulation of policy to curb manual scavenging at STPs

The Karnataka High Court on Thursday called upon state authorities, including BBMP, to swiftly develop comprehensive guidelines to address manual scavenging in Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) across Karnataka.

A bench comprising Acting Chief Justice V Kameswar Rao and Justice CM Josthi considered PILs, including a suo motu case, concerning the enforcement of anti-manual scavenging laws. The hearing addressed the recent deaths of two individuals who entered an STP for work.

The court expressed serious concern and urged authorities to implement preventive policy measures. The court noted that STPs are looked after by the Pollution Control Board (PCB). "The Urban Development Department, PCB, all should sit together, find a solution. We are talking (about regulating STPs) across the state. Even residential societies have STPs. There should be comprehensive policy on every STP in the state. You must come out with something – whether it is guidelines or statutory mechanism, but it should have the effect of law," the court stated.

Reports indicate that two contract workers, Lingaraju and Naveen, aged 26, lost their lives in October 2024 after entering an STP at Asha Sweets for cleaning purposes.

A PIL petitioner brought this incident to the court's attention. The state's representative informed the court about awaiting PCB suggestions before finalising and implementing guidelines.

The court emphasised the urgency of governmental action on this matter. "This is something which requires urgent attention from the government. Many people lose their lives (doing manual scavenging), it (such work) should be more mechanised," the Acting Chief Justice noted.

The petitioner's counsel clarified that PCB oversees environmental aspects of STPs but not manual scavenging practices. The court stressed the need for immediate remedial action and increased mechanisation at STPs. "You (State) should do it fast. Human intervention must be less. All these deaths – manholes, people going in and suffocating to death...maybe persons (are made to) do this work in STPs.. (because) machines may be costly. As a means of sustenance he goes in. Better mechanisation should take place," Acting Chief Justice Rao stated.

The court directed state authorities to submit their response regarding safety guidelines for STPs within four weeks

Justice Joshi said that there needs to be a monitoring mechanism of STPs. "This can only happen if all sit together and put their minds to it. Ultimately they (manual scavengers) will not be people who are trained.. and some people who come are just daily earning people entering into this kind of activity," Justice Joshi added.

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Goons harass condiment shop owners for free smokes

Owners of small shops take complaint to Health Minister, accuse local rowdies of attacking them and police of exploiting them, threatening their livelihoods and safety

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Condiment shop owners allege harassment by police, and BBMP

Around 60,000 families in Bengaluru depend on condiment and paan shops for their livelihood. However, those running these shops are often vulnerable to exploitation and discrimination by hooligans, local rowdies, and even the police. With little control over such harassment, shop owners and workers are increasingly concerned not just about their livelihood, but also their personal safety.

Thousands of condiment shop owners and paan shop owners gathered at Dr BR Ambedkar Bhavan recently to narrate their problems to Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dinesh R Gundu Rao. They wanted the government to protect them from being exploited by local rowdies and police for selling cigarettes.

They complained that the incidents of manhandling, vandalising and using filthy language continue in the city despite repeated complaints to the authorities, including jurisdictional police.

"There is no control on miscreants and local rowdies who attack people working at condiment shops, bakeries, and paan shops for no reason. The police and the BBMP authorities are penalising the bakery owners for selling cigarettes. I want the authorities to ban manufacturing of tobacco products. The government is silent on movie actors who promote tobacco products but penalise hapless bakery and condiment shop owners for selling cigarettes," said Dr Ravi Shetty Byndoor of Karnataka State Karmika Parishat.

Dr Ravi Shetty said the Karnataka State Karmika Parishat is contemplating a massive protest if the state government fails to address their demands. "Many youths who aspire to become entrepreneurs start condiment shops after gaining experience working in hotels. Instead of encouraging them, the government is punishing these young entrepreneurs for selling cigarettes," he said.

Many condiment shop owners have narrated how they have been suffering from local rowdies, police and the BBMP authorities. "Two policemen, claiming to be working at Kengeri Police Station, came to my condiment shop. They commanded me to handover cigarette packets to them. Finally, they returned the cigarette packets but collected Rs 5,000 as a penalty for selling cigarettes. They did not issue me the receipt for the 'penalty' amount collected from me," said Ramakrishna of Krishna Bakery, Bande Mutt.

Expressing concern over the exploitation of condiment shop owners in the city, Prabhu, who runs a shop in Ulsoor, said there have been many instances where local rowdies used abusive language when he asked them to pay for the cigarettes they took from him.

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> –Dr Ravi Shetty Byndoor, Karnataka State Karmika Parishat

"I cannot go to the police station to complain against them. I have to cope with such incidents as I cannot beat those miscreants," he said.

The condiment shop owners want the police to protect them by punishing the miscreants.

The following are a few incidents that took place in Bengaluru. In December 2022, HAL police arrested three people for thrashing bakery workers at Kundalahalli Gate. In January 2023, four unidentified miscreants attacked a bakery owner at Puttenahalli near JP Nagar and a bakery owner and his wife were attacked by rowdies for denying them cigarettes and tea at Kengeri Satellite Town. In October 2024, Hulimavu police arrested a YouTuber for allegedly threatening a bakery owner and exhorting Rs 10,000. Sanjay Nagar police arrested two people in January 2025 for attacking a bakery worker at Bhoopasandra.

Bengaluru rehab centre faces fresh legal action

A day after the State Human Rights Commission (SHRC) raided five rehabilitation centres in and around Bengaluru, including Unity Social Service Society on Makali Main Road, new complaints and legal actions have emerged, intensifying the probe into illegal detentions and alleged abuse.

At the Madanayakanahalli police station, three criminal cases and four non-cognisable reports have been registered against Unity Social Service Society. Among the fresh complaints is one filed by a man named Krishnagowda, who alleged that his wife Asha, her father Anand, and a relative Kiran forcibly admitted him to the centre on false grounds to stop him from attending court hearings related to a long-standing property dispute. He claims he has been confined at the centre since December 2, 2023, despite being mentally fit and never addicted to substances. A case has been registered under Sections 127(7) and 3(5) of the BNS Act, 2023.

In another statement recorded on Thursday evening, a youth named Ruban told police he was sent to the same rehab centre by his mother on June 7 due to addiction to mobile games and behavioural issues. He, however, clarified that he was being treated well and had no complaints. A case in this regard has been booked under Section 127(4) of the BNS and Section 75 of the Juvenile Justice Act.

These developments follow Wednesday's SHRC-led raids which uncovered severe violations at five centres, including illegal confinement, physical abuse, lack of medical care, and forced admissions over personal or property disputes. Officials said many of the detainees were non-addicted individuals held without proper medical oversight or legal process.

Investigations are ongoing, and further legal action is expected based on the findings and statements being collected.

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Man dies days after tree fall, eyes donated

A 24-year-old succumbed to severe head injuries five days after a tree branch fell on him in Banashankari. The incident occurred last Sunday while he was returning home after buying mutton for his father's birthday celebration.

Akshay Kumar was riding his two-wheeler when a large branch suddenly snapped and fell on him. The impact caused him to lose control and crash into a parked car, leaving him seriously injured. He was immediately rushed to a private hospital in Jayanagar and was under intensive care.

A tree had fallen on the 24-year-old man in Banashankari last Sunday

Akshay, the sole breadwinner of his family, had lost his mother a year ago and was looking after his ailing father, Shivaram, who is currently undergoing dialysis and requires further surgeries. Akshay also managed all household responsibilities, making his sudden demise even more devastating for the family. Doctors declared him dead on Thursday afternoon. In a gesture of kindness amidst grief, the family chose to donate Akshay's eyes to Kim's Hospital, ensuring his legacy lives on through the gift of sight. The untimely accident has once again raised concerns about the state of tree maintenance in the city.

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Footpath misuse
Whitefield

The newly built footpath in Seegehalli, Whitefield, is now occupied by hawkers with semi-permanent sheds as BBMP officials remain indifferent.

Illegal hoardings
Jayanagar

Despite a clear ban, illegal flex hoardings continue to deface Jayanagar South, with authorities showing no interst in curbing the violations.

Banner chaos
Bore Bank Road

Oversized birthday banners crowd the Bore Bank Road signal in Pottery Town, contributing to Bengaluru's growing problem of visual clutter.

Rising Cases of Heart Attacks Among the Youth:
Cardiologist Speaks on Prevention, Symptoms, and Treatment

The number of people suffering from heart attacks is steadily increasing across all age groups, but what's especially alarming is the rise in incidents among young individuals. Once considered a condition primarily affecting the elderly, heart attacks are now claiming younger lives, often without warning. Dr. Keshava R., a renowned cardiologist at Manipal Hospital explains, "A heart attack happens when blood flow to a part of the heart is reduced or completely blocked, cutting off oxygen supply to the heart muscle. If not treated promptly, it can cause irreversible damage or even be fatal."

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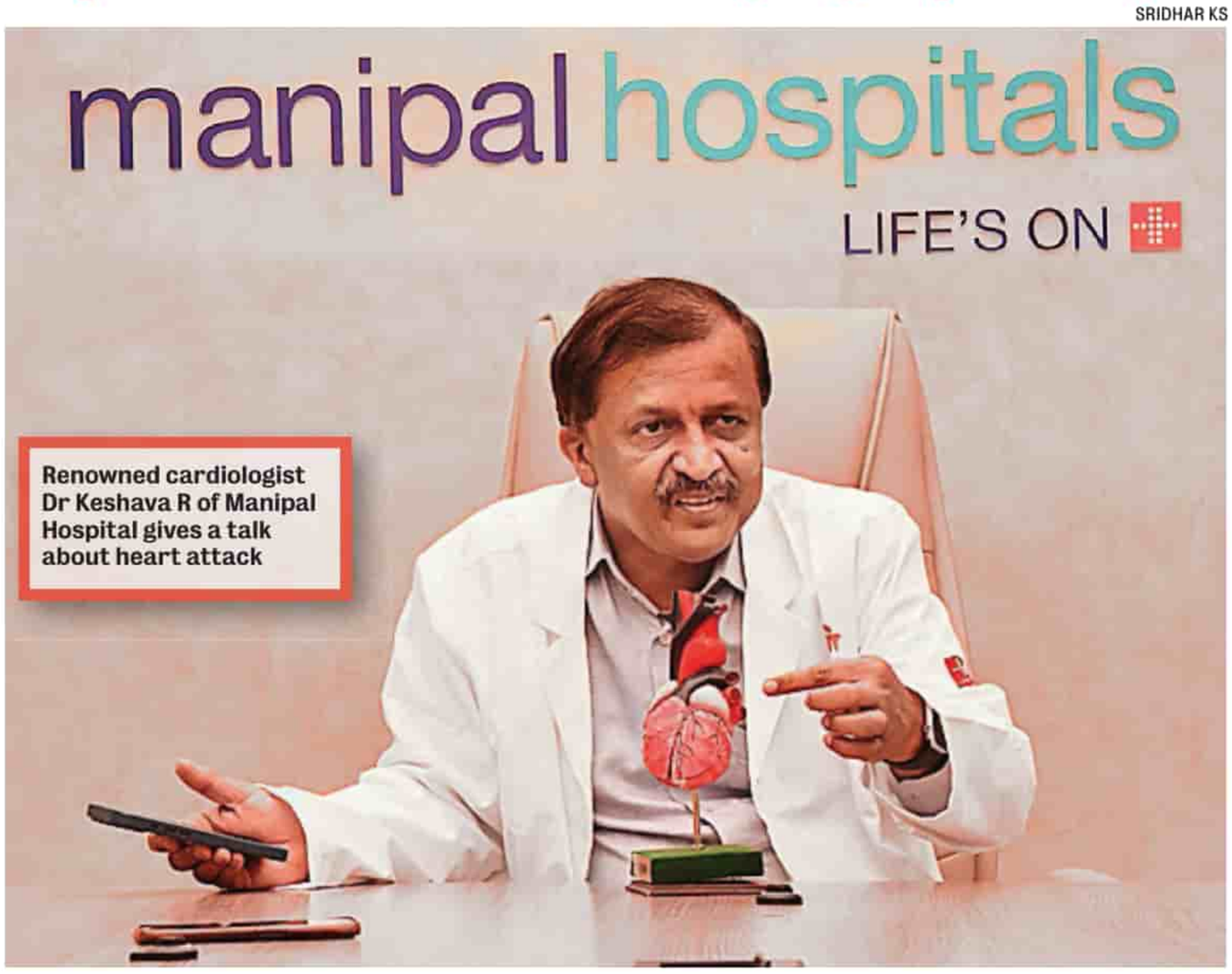

Renowned cardiologist Dr Keshava R of Manipal Hospital gives a talk about heart attack

Recognising the Warning Signs

According to Dr. Keshava, early identification of symptoms is key to survival. Common symptoms include chest pain or discomfort like burning sensation, pain in the arms, shoulders, back, neck or jaw, shortness of breath, sweating, nausea, dizziness, and unusual or extreme fatigue. While chest pain is the most familiar symptom, it's important to note that not all heart attack victims experience it. Both men and women, diabetics, and older patients, may have silent symptoms "This lack of chest pain leads many to ignore the danger, delaying critical care," warns Dr. Keshava.

Heart Attack vs Cardiac Arrest: Know the Difference

Despite being used interchangeably, a heart attack and cardiac arrest are not the same. Heart Attack happens when an artery that supplies blood to the heart becomes blocked, restricting oxygen to the heart muscle. A heart attack may or may not lead to immediate death, and often, there is still time for medical intervention.

Cardiac Arrest is far more dangerous and occurs when the heart stops beating suddenly, cutting off blood flow to the brain and other organs. "In cardiac arrest, the person loses consciousness and stops breathing. Every second matters," says Dr. Keshava. Immediate CPR and defibrillation are often needed to save the person's life.

Understanding Heart Blocks: Fat vs Clot

Fatty Block (Cholesterol Block) These blocks develop slowly over the years due to the accumulation of bad cholesterol (LDL) in the blood vessels. This type of block is often a result of poor diet and an unhealthy lifestyle. Cholesterol blocks are 10% responsible for heart attacks. Meanwhile Clots are responsible for over 90% of heart attacks, Dr. Keshav points out. "They form quickly within minutes or hours and can block blood flow instantly, causing a heart attack without warning." Clot blocks are often caused by ruptured fatty plaques in arteries, triggering clot formation.

Key causes Behind Heart Blockage

Heart attack risk factors can be broadly categorised into modifiable and non-modifiable types. Modifiable factors include diabetes, high blood pressure, smoking, a sedentary lifestyle, pollution and diets rich in saturated fats all of which can be managed or changed through lifestyle adjustments and medical intervention. On the other hand, non-modifiable factors such as age, family history, and genetic predisposition are beyond individual control but still play a significant role in determining overall risk. "The key is to control the factors we can change," Dr. Keshava says. "Smoking cessation, regular exercise, a balanced diet, and periodic health check-ups can drastically reduce your risk."

Heart Attack Risk Factors

According to Dr. Keshava, risk factors like high blood pressure, high cholesterol, obesity, inactivity, smoking, alcohol consumption, and poor diet can be managed through lifestyle changes, helping individuals significantly lower their risk of developing heart disease. Others, such as age, family history, are harder to control but still important to factor into your preventive strategy.

Diagnostic Tools for Heart Attack

Timely diagnosis is crucial in reducing heart attack damage. Dr. Keshava highlights key tests: the Troponin blood test detects heart muscle damage; ECG identifies irregular rhythms or blockages quickly; echocardiogram shows heart function and structure; the Treadmill Test (TMT) assesses heart response to physical exercise and early detection of block; coronary angiogram uses dye and X-rays to view artery flow; and CT scans or MRIs provide detailed images to detect blockages or abnormalities in the heart and surrounding vessels.

Emergency Treatment: The Golden Hour

If a heart attack is suspected, time is of the essence. "Every minute counts," stresses Dr. Keshava. "Administering aspirin immediately can help reduce clot formation. Emergency angioplasty or thrombolytic therapy should follow as quickly as possible."

Patients often delay hospital visits, thinking their symptoms are trivial or due to gas or indigestion. Dr. Keshava urges the public not to self-diagnose and instead seek immediate help if they experience any potential heart attack symptoms.

What is the treatment for a heart attack?

Treating a heart attack involves restoring blood flow to the heart as quickly as possible using medication or surgery.

Oxygen therapy is given to patients with low oxygen levels to ease strain on the heart.
Nitroglycerin relieves chest pain by widening blood vessels.
Thrombolytic drugs are used within 12 hours to dissolve clots.
Morphine is commonly administered to manage severe pain.
Coronary angioplasty uses a balloon and stent to open blocked arteries.

In severe cases with multiple blockages, coronary artery bypass surgery is performed to redirect blood flow using healthy vessels from other parts of the body, improving heart function.

"Good heart health isn't about just avoiding illness — it's about living a lifestyle that promotes wellness every day," Dr. Keshava concludes. "Regular exercise, proper sleep, managing stress, and routine check-ups can go a long way in protecting your heart."

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It's not just indigestion — it could be a heart attack warning.

After a heavy meal, you might feel a burning sensation or discomfort in your chest and assume it's gastritis or heartburn. But don't ignore it — these could also be signs of a heart attack. Since the symptoms of heartburn and a heart attack often overlap, it's crucial to identify the true cause. While heartburn is usually harmless, a heart attack is a serious medical emergency.

It's not gastritis, it's a heart attack warning.

After a heavy meal, you might feel chest discomfort or a burning sensation, often assumed to be indigestion. However, it's crucial to identify the exact cause of the pain, as heartburn and heart attack symptoms can be quite similar. Despite the overlap, the two conditions differ significantly in severity, and mistaking one for the other could be dangerous.

Time is the most valuable medicine.

The earlier you receive treatment during a heart attack, the better your chances of minimizing heart damage. Delaying care increases the risk of serious harm. Ideally, treatment should begin within the first hour. If treatment is delayed up to six hours, about 25% of the heart muscle may be damaged. After 12 hours, damage can rise to 50%, and by 24 hours, up to 95% of the heart may be affected. Prompt medical attention is critical—never ignore the warning signs or postpone seeking help.

Pollution and smoking

Today, pollution and smoking are leading contributors to heart attacks. Individuals frequently exposed to polluted environments, such as traffic police, drivers, and laborers—face a higher risk. Similarly, smokers are significantly more prone to heart attacks due to the harmful effects of tobacco on heart health.

Learn CPR – A Life-Saving Skill

It's crucial for everyone to learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), as heart attacks can strike without warning. Knowing CPR can make the difference between life and death in an emergency. This life-saving technique helps maintain blood flow when the heart stops or is about to stop. By performing CPR, you can keep the heart pumping and ensure oxygen reaches vital organs, potentially saving someone from cardiac arrest before medical help arrives.

Complainant challenges Lokayukta's sudden closure of land forgery case

Man files complaint over forged land documents, seeks action against officer; corruption panel declines probe, refers to the ongoing High Court case

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The primary objective of Karnataka Lokayukta is to investigate and report on complaints of corruption and maladministration against government employees in the state. The public will approach the Lokayukta to file complaints against the government employees for corruption, maladministration and misuse of power. Recently, Karnataka Lokayukta Justice, taking note of a case where a dismissed constable was found extorting money from corrupt officials by using the name of an IPS officer, told the police officers of Lokayukta to leave if they don't want to work with honesty, integrity, and commitment. The objective of the directive is to ensure the anti-corruption agency's image in the public.

However, if the grievance of a landlord is anything to go by, it seems not only the police but also employees of the administration department have to prove their integrity, honesty, and commitment. The complainant, Yatish M, said that he lodged a complaint with Karnataka Lokayukta on January 12, 2023, against Karnataka

Complaint alleges officer approved compensation to tenant based on forged land ownership

Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) Land Acquisition Officer for allegedly sanctioning, based on fake documents, the compensation to others than the original landlord. "The KIADB Land Acquisition Officer has created fake documents and released the compensation to Mohammed Majok Ahmed. I appeal to you to take suitable action against the accused for

"I approached Lokayukta to punish KIADB officer for duty dereliction, not for compensation – Yatish M

creating fake documents and those who got the compensation illegally," the complaint read.

However, Upa Lokayukta gave a judgement on January 31 advising the complainant to wait till the High Court delivers the judgement on the petition filed by him. "If the status quo is violated, there is a provision to question in the High Court and seek suitable action against the violation of the High Court order to maintain the status quo. The complainant can get the compensation that was given to the tenant even after the High Court's final judgement. Due to the above reasons, there is no need for further enquiry in this matter. The petition is disposed of," the Upa Lokayukta judgement read.

Meanwhile, Yatish M, speaking with Bangalore Mirror, said that he did not approach the Lokayukta for any kind of compensation but to punish the KIADB Special Land Acquisition Officer for dereliction of duty.

Gruha Lakshmi funds on track

There are no revisions or alterations in the list of beneficiaries under the Gruha Lakshmi scheme, clarified Women and Child Development Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar.

Speaking to reporters at Vidhana Soudha on Thursday, the minister dismissed concerns about delays in fund disbursement, saying there are no technical issues. "The payments for April have already been processed. The disbursal for May is pending and will be completed once funds are released by the Finance Department," she said. Hebbalkar explained that payments are now being routed through district and taluk panchayats instead of the department directly. — BMB

Karnataka launches AI impact study

The Karnataka government has launched a comprehensive study to assess the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on the state's workforce, Minister Priyank Kharge announced.In an official statement, Kharge said the study aims to examine how AI is influencing working-class sectors, identify new opportunities, and guide strategic planning under the upcoming IT Policy 2025 and the state's flagship 'Nipun Karnataka' programme.

With Bengaluru ranked fifth globally for AI and big data capabilities, and home to over one lakh AI professionals, the city is fast emerging as India's AI capital. Kharge stressed the need for Karnataka to stay ahead as AI reshapes industries. — BMB

BDA cuts property deposit rates

In a major relief to homebuyers, the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has announced a 50% reduction in the initial deposit amount for the allotment of sites, flats, and houses developed by the authority. Previously, buyers had to pay 25% of the total property cost upfront in the general category and 10% for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. These have now been reduced to 12.5% and 5%, respectively.

The decision comes after buyer interest dropped significantly following a hike in deposit rates introduced on May 1. Currently, 3,138 flats remain unsold across various BDA housing projects. Many prospective buyers cited affordability issues and difficulty in obtaining bank loans. BDA lowers deposit after repeated appeals from buyers. — BMB

Boost to transport sector, finally

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corporation has increasingly relied on driver-cum-conductors, forcing one individual to handle both driving and ticketing responsibilities.

This dual role has raised serious safety concerns. Sources pointed out that the added workload causes significant mental stress and increases the risk of accidents. "The conductor is expected to issue tickets and then return to the driver's seat. It's physically demanding and mentally draining, compromising overall safety," a source said.

To manage the gap in manpower, the corporation had previously turned to hiring private drivers. However, sources noted that many of these drivers lacked the formal training that KSRTC staff receive training that includes road safety and traffic awareness programs in partnership with traffic police.

"The new recruitment will help replace untrained private drivers with properly trained KSRTC staff," a KSRTC driver said.

Lack of interest in heavy licences

Officials revealed that there has been a sharp decline in applications for heavy vehicle licences since 2022. With fewer drivers entering the workforce, the department has had no choice but to focus on hiring driver-cum-conductors.

"No one wants to apply for a heavy licence anymore. RTOs have not received significant applications in over two years. This has forced the corporation to adjust and make the best use of limited manpower," sources stated.

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Employees have also raised concerns about the lack of formal identification and attendance systems. Currently, drivers are paid only if they report for duty, and their absence leads to direct pay cuts. Drivers have been urging the corporation to introduce biometric attendance and issue official ID cards to formally recognize their employment status within KSRTC.

Staffing numbers

Currently, BMTC has a workforce of about 27,600, including technical staff, while KSRTC employs approximately 33,000. Officials estimate that at least 1,500 more drivers are still needed to balance operations effectively. The recruitment is part of a broader initiative to strengthen the state's public transport system and revive the financial health of its four road transport corporations including Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) and Kalyan Karnataka Road transport corporation (KKRTC)

In total, the government has created around 10,000 transport sector jobs, including upcoming recruitments in North-West and Kalyana Karnataka regions, and under BMTC. While the department had proposed 13,000 appointments, approvals have been given for 9,000 so far.

Ramalinga Reddy emphasised that all recruitments were based on merit, with no manual interference, and urged the newly appointed staff to work responsibly, especially for the safety and comfort of students and women passengers.

As the latest batch of recruits prepares to join by July 5, KSRTC employees are hopeful that the new additions will bring much-needed relief and help the corporation steer back onto a more sustainable path.

Bike taxi ban fuels auto fare madness

Commuters accuse ride-hailing apps of charging triple official rates; daily travel becomes costlier and harder, leaving citizens frustrated with limited affordable options

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The ban on bike taxis in Bengaluru has led to a surge in auto rickshaw fares, leaving daily commuters frustrated. With fewer affordable travel options, residents allege that private ride-hailing aggregators like Ola and Uber are exploiting the situation by charging three times the government-prescribed fare.

The Karnataka High Court has upheld a previous single-judge order banning bike taxi services across the state, effective June 16, triggering widespread backlash on social media. The verdict, stemming from a long-standing legal battle involving ride-hailing platforms like Rapido, Uber, and Ola, has drawn sharp criticism from citizens, entrepreneurs, and public figures, many of whom are urging authorities to reconsider the ban, at least in Bengaluru.

According to the Karnataka Transport Department, the fare for auto rickshaws has been fixed at ₹30 to ₹35 for the first two kilometres and ₹15 for every additional kilometre. However, aggregator platforms continue to flout these norms and charge higher rates, often without accountability or explanation.

Bike taxis have become a cost-efficient, flexible commuting option, especially in a city where delayed Metro projects and limited bus connectivity force people into gridlock. But from Monday, commuters are facing problems facing higher prices charged by auto aggregators. For instance, app-based platforms have been quoting exorbitant fares for short distances charging ₹98 for a 2.2 km ride from Corporation Circle to MG Road, ₹104 for a 2.5 km trip to Shivananda Circle, ₹89 for the 1.5 km stretch to KR Market, and ₹89 again for a 2 km ride to Majestic Bus Stand. "I used to travel short distances for ₹40 to ₹50, but now I'm forced to pay nearly ₹100 for the same route," said Harsha M, a tech employee "The government banned bike taxis citing regulatory issues, but it has left the middle-class commuter in a lurch." A commuter, Akash in Koramangala said, "If I book an Uber, it usually costs around 56 from Madiwala to Chocolate Factory Road. But yesterday, I returned from my hometown with no charge on my phone, so I had to hire an auto directly. They refused to go unless I agreed to pay 100.

The issue has gained traction on social media, with many users calling the surge pricing a "legalised daylight robbery." Commuters argue that in the absence of bike taxis, which offered budget-friendly and faster alternatives, they are left with no choice but to depend on overpriced autos or overcrowded buses.

A social media user on Instagram made a reel stating, " We are only getting a 25,000 as salary, in which half goes to rent and bills, and the rest goes for travelling, with this ban, what money used to be saved will go for autos and cabs and nothing to save."

John Kennedy, a resident of Rajajinagar, says, "In a city like Bengaluru, where diverse transport options are essential, bike taxis have been a timely and convenient solution, especially for people like us. It's not fair to ban them just because it causes discomfort to auto drivers. Bengaluru genuinely needs bike taxi services."

Bike taxi drivers face protest ban

Over 110 bike taxi drivers from the Namma Bike Taxi Association, representing platforms such as Ola, Uber, and Rapido, met with Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao and Dasarahalli MLA S Muniraju, pleading for legal recognition and regulation of their livelihoods. The drivers, who form part of a growing gig economy, demanded that the state government halt its crackdown and instead implement a clear policy framework for bike taxis.

Despite multiple appeals to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, and MP Rahul Gandhi, the drivers say their concerns have been met with silence, even as the same government passed a Gig Worker Welfare Bill last month. "We don't want chaos, we want regulation," said Mohammed Salim, President of the association, who claims to receive 250–300 distress calls from drivers daily.

Tensions escalated after an auto union leader threatened to stop bike taxi protests and publicly targeted supporters like Mohandas Pai. Salim himself was denied protest permission at Freedom Park, allegedly due to political pressure.

Drivers shared stories of financial desperation. "I've borrowed twice this month just to survive," said Imran, 37. Riders also slammed the ban, citing rising auto fares and a lack of metro connectivity.

Despite central guidelines and the 2021 state electric bike taxi policy, which was abruptly withdrawn in 2024, Karnataka has failed to frame clear rules. "We're not asking for favours, just the right to work," said Salim.

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Shop right

It always makes sense to visit a store or to shop online with a shopping list in hand. This shopping list must be linked to the menu plan you have for the next few days, so that you only buy what you will use, and use what you buy.

Bring your own bag

Don't purchase plastic bags from your local grocery store; carry a reusable one instead. Integrate a cloth or paper bag into your shopping routine, and soon, carrying one will become a habit.

Minimal packaging

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Use your refrigerator well

Sure, your refrigerator is sectioned, arranged, and packaged perfectly. It's nice to admire, but that's it. It's time to maximise its utility and slide your food into designated spaces. Since temperatures around the top shelf are regulated, it is recommended for the storage of dairy-based products. You can place the rest of your ready-to-eat foods, as well as eggs, in the middle shelf; this includes leftovers, butter, cooked meat, and other pre-packaged items.

Cook once

If you prepare your food in large batches, you can eat meals without having to cook each time. Think about it. Your evenings are free of toiling in the dreaded, heat-laden kitchen against the backdrop of soaring temperatures. You'll be saving time, and indulging in environmentally friendly habits.

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'Put system in place for birth, death registrations'

The Karnataka High Court has proposed implementing a comprehensive integrated IT system for birth and death registrations to prevent fraudulent manipulation of death records in property claims.

In a recent ruling, Justice Suraj Govindaraj ordered that the system should integrate with revenue department and sub-registrar databases to automatically access property information when processing death-related applications.

The principal secretaries of e-governance, revenue and urban development departments were given six weeks to develop a detailed implementation strategy. The court emphasised the need for a transparent digital system to prevent misuse of death certificates in property disputes.

The court specified that the system should access land and asset records of the deceased whilst verifying hospital death records and identity documents including PAN, Aadhaar and voter ID cards for authentication. This ruling emerged from a long-standing property dispute involving a questionable death certificate issued approximately 40 years after the alleged death.

Court documents revealed that Siddalingaiah purchased land from Honnamma in April 1979. In 2013, Mahadevaiah, claiming to be Honnamma's grandson, approached Lok Adalat requesting a death certificate stating she died on June 15, 1975, predating the sale.

The deputy tahsildar issued the death certificate in January 2014 following Lok Adalat's directive. Siddalingaiah contested this, suspecting irregularities. After his death, his heirs continued the legal challenge, asserting Honnamma died in 1985, after the land transaction.

Justice Govindaraj identified several procedural irregularities, noting that only the deputy tahsildar was named in Mahadevaiah's application, and the official was absent during proceedings.

The court clarified that Lok Adalat's authority is limited to recording settlements between parties and cannot issue judicial orders without proper adjudication. "Any matter referred to the Lok Adalat must involve the consent of all parties and undergo due verification by the magistrate concerned," stated the judge.

The high court nullified the 2014 death certificate and transferred the case to the appropriate court in Tumakuru for fresh proceedings, ensuring inclusion of Siddalingaiah's family. —BMB

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Airport on edge after series of bomb hoaxes

Officials say over dozen false alerts have hit B'luru in 2024, draining resources and raising serious safety concerns

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Although none of the threats have been real, officials stress that every alert must be taken seriously to ensure safety

Authorities urge passengers and staff to stay alert and report suspicious activity. A special team is checking the premises while police investigate the hoax threat cases

The Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) has been hit by a series of hoax bomb threats in recent days, putting security agencies on high alert and disrupting normal operations.

In the latest incident on Tuesday, the airport's terminal manager received a threatening email signed by an individual claiming to be "Alex Paul Menon." The email alleged that improvised explosive devices (IEDs) had been planted in the washroom pipelines of the terminal "like a puzzle" and warned that the devices would explode if not discovered in time. The message bizarrely claimed the motive behind the threat was to commemorate the hanging of terrorist Ajmal Kasab and protest the alleged illegal detention of Savukku Shankar.

Following the alert, a special security team conducted a thorough check of the terminal before alerting the police. No explosives were found.

This was the second such threat in three days. On June 3, a similar email was received, this time under the name "Chitrakala Gopalan," claiming an IED had been placed near the airport's prayer room and urging authorities to evacuate the area.

Both cases have been registered as hoax threats, and investigations are underway.

These incidents are part of a growing pattern of fake bomb threats in Bengaluru. According to police data, at least 27 such hoax alerts were reported in 2024 alone, targeting flights, hotels, educational institutions, and other public places.

In response, airport authorities have tightened security measures, working in close coordination with the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), bomb disposal squads, sniffer dog units, and local police. On June 19, yet another email claimed that two bombs had been planted at the airport, referring to them as "Plan A" and "Plan B," prompting an intensified search and emergency preparedness.

Though none of these threats have proven to be genuine, officials say each one must be treated with the utmost seriousness to safeguard public safety. These hoaxes not only cause panic but also drain significant manpower and resources.

Airport authorities have urged passengers and staff to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity without delay. A special team has been formed to conduct airport checks, and the police have registered a case and are currently investigating the incidents.

Flight panic, terminal intrusion

The Kempegowda International Airport police have booked a 36-year-old doctor for creating a ruckus aboard a flight to Surat on Tuesday afternoon.

The accused, identified as Vyas Hiral Mohanbhai, allegedly got into an argument with the cabin crew soon after boarding Air India flight IX-2749. According to the complaint, she kept her luggage in a different row and refused to comply when asked about it. She then misbehaved, argued with the crew, and allegedly threatened to crash the flight, causing panic among passengers.

The matter was reported to the captain, and with the help of airport security, she was deboarded and handed over to police. Based on a complaint from the airline, she has been booked under provisions of the Unlawful Acts Against Safety of Civil Aviation Act and sections 351 and 353 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

In a separate incident, a 22-year-old man identified as Sadaad Mohammed Baba from Srinagar was arrested on Wednesday for trying to enter the airport terminal through the departure gate without proper clearance.

According to police, Baba was attempting to board an Indigo flight to Srinagar and tried to force his way through the wrong entry. When stopped by CISF personnel, he allegedly manhandled two staff members and ran inside. **-BMB**

HC notice on sanction delay

The Karnataka High Court on Wednesday issued notices to the Governor's Office and the Lokayukta over the delay in granting sanction to prosecute former Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

The notice was issued by Justice Sunil Dutt Yadav while hearing a petition filed by complainant T Narasimha Murthy, who pointed out that proceedings before the Special Court (MPs/MLAs) have been stalled since October 2022 due to the pending sanction.

The case pertains to alleged corruption charges against Yediyurappa and others during his tenure. The High Court took note of the prolonged delay and posted the matter for further hearing on July 14. **-BMB**

Two die in hit-and-runs

Two people lost their lives in separate hit-and-run incidents reported on Wednesday on the outskirts of the city. In the first incident, a 40-year-old woman identified as Trevani, was killed after a speeding truck knocked her down while riding her scooter. In another case, a 25-year-old man, Bharath, a resident of Chandapura and private firm employee was knocked down while walking.

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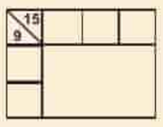
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

x is a 2-digit integer. 4 is the result of dividing the sum of x's 2 digits by the difference of x's two integers. What is x?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.

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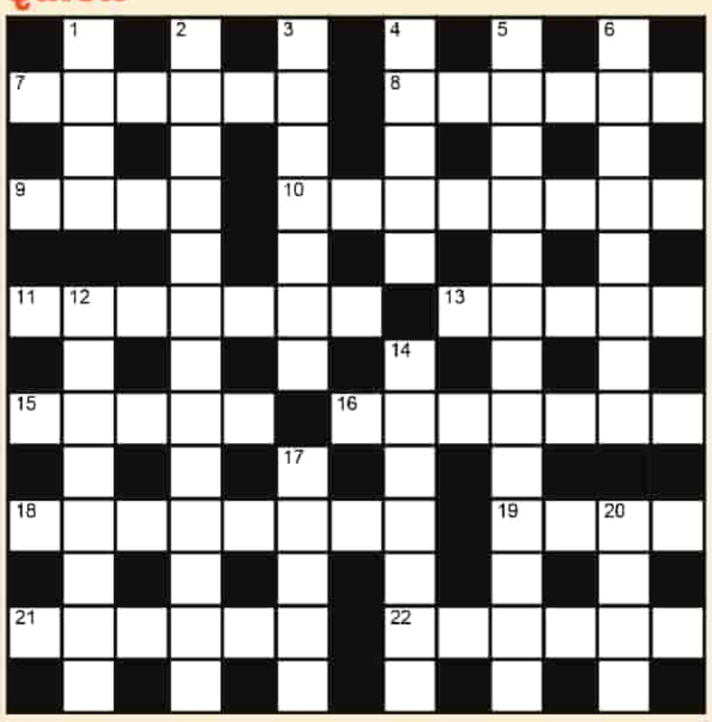

ACROSS

7 More unclear; foggier or dimmer (6)
8 Extra space (6)
9 Bollywood's Anupam ___ (4)
10 One less than a score? (8)
11 ___ age : callow, adolescence? (7)
13 Make a bid? (5)
15 Pupil (French) (5)
16 Shortage (7)
18 Not my __ __ __ : not something to my liking? (3,2,3)
19 Twitches (4)
21 Eldest (6)
22 Short-sightedness? (6)

DOWN

1 Poet Ogden (4)
2 A modern cooking appliance (9,4)
3 Grain storehouse (7)
4 Point of view? (5)
5 Correction (13)
6 Wine storage room (8)
12 Deliberately (8)
14 M in M G Road (7)
17 Declare (5)
20 Baby bed (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: E EQUALS Y

YDNDA BADLDYM LV K OVND FZPUZ EVS MV YVL KULSKOOE QDDO, QVA OVND PW YVL VSAW LV UVCCKYM.

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There is something on your face. Oh, it's a smudge of cuteness

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Time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time

Joke of the day

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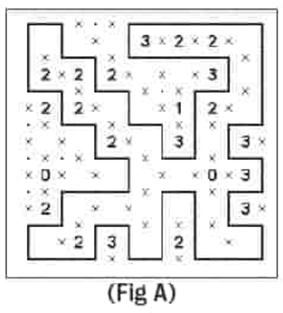
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



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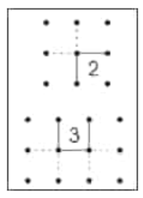
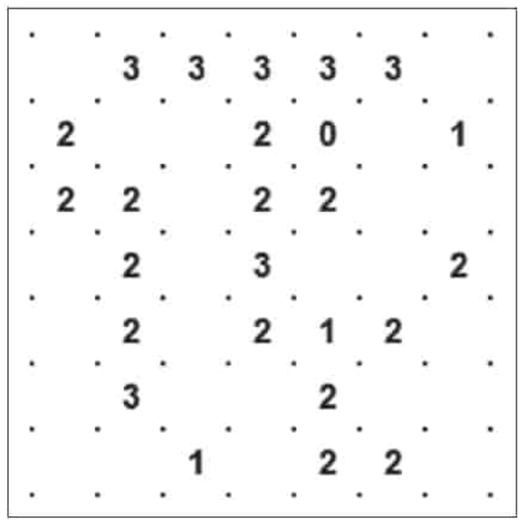


(Fig B) Not Allowed

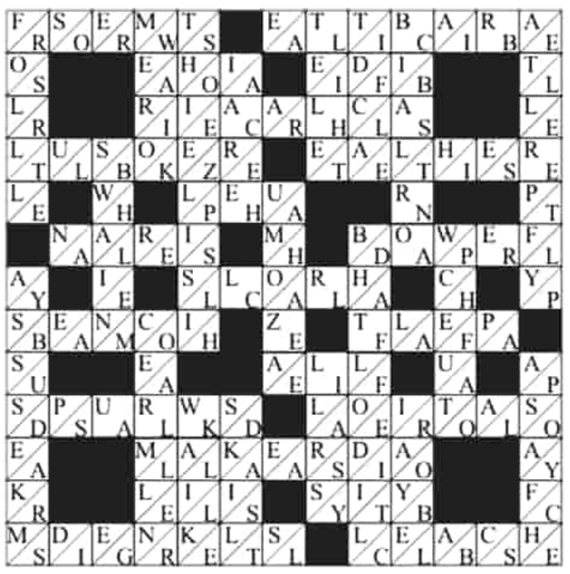
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



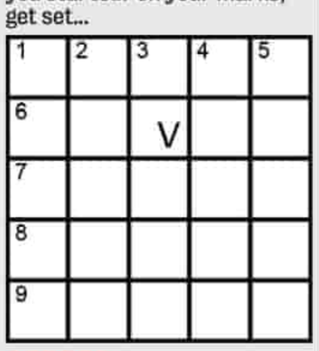
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

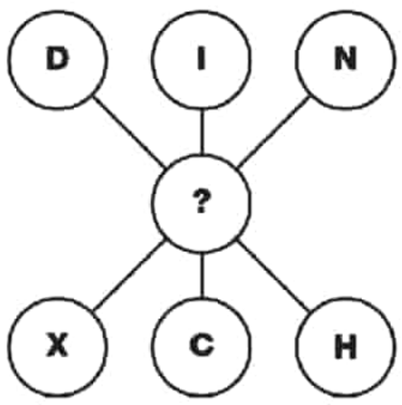
1 Back A; 6 Viand; 7 Media; 8 L page; 9 It den

DOWN

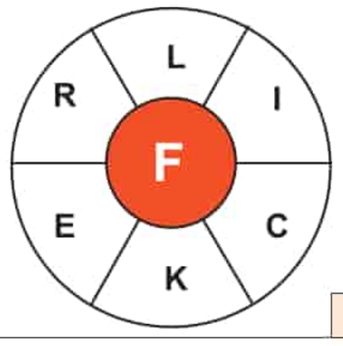
1 Pad at; 2 I'm lib; 3 A vain; 4 Caged; 5 Need K

Mensapuzzle

What is missing from the middle circle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

09 Average; 10 Good; 12 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

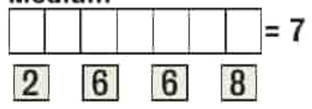
	6	2		5		3	9	
	1	3		9		6	7	
7			2		9			1
	2		5		1		8	
4			8		6			7
	4	8		2		1	5	
	3	5		8		7	6	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy

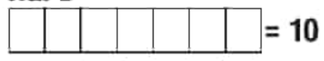


1 2 6 8

Medium

2 6 6 8

Hard



1 3 9 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

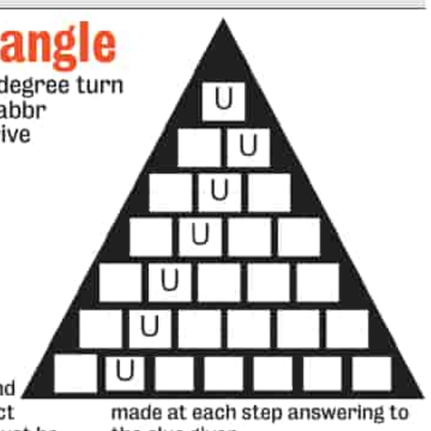
Differences: 1. Hat is different. 2. Branch is longer. 3. Glove is missing. 4. Collar is different. 5. Bush is different. 6. Club is added to golf bag.

Riddler

Found in stories under a floor, In most places over a door, The point at which there is no more, In effect, the highest score. What is it?

Alpha triangle

1 Describing a 180 degree turn
2 Delhi University abbr
3 Scheduled to arrive
4 Was sorry
5 Enticed
6 Obstacle
7 Threw forcefully



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

COMICS

Popeye

YA STUPID SCIENTISK, YA MADE ME HEAD AN' FEETS VISIBLE, BUT YA FERGOT ME MIDDLE!
WHAT WENT WRONG?
FOR SOME PHYSICAL REASON THE EPIDERMIS OF YOUR MIDDLE ATOMIC STRUCTURE REPULSED THE PIGMENTATION OF INNER ELECTRONS AND REFRACTED THE VISIBLE SPECTRUM INTO INFINITY AND CAUSED THE VORTEX TO STOP VORTEXING!
OH?
9-23
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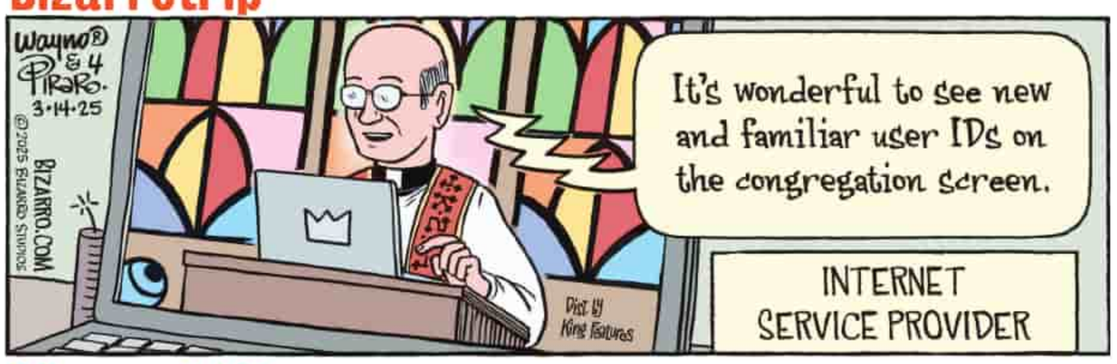
Bizarrotrip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WHEN THE KIDS AT CENTERVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL HEARD THAT THE STUDENTS AT WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL WERE BEING PAID TO ATTEND SCHOOL...
THEY ALL ENTERED THE TRANSFER PORTAL AND ENROLLED AT WEST!
SO NOW CENTERVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL IS...
A DEAD MIDDLE SCHOOL WALKING!
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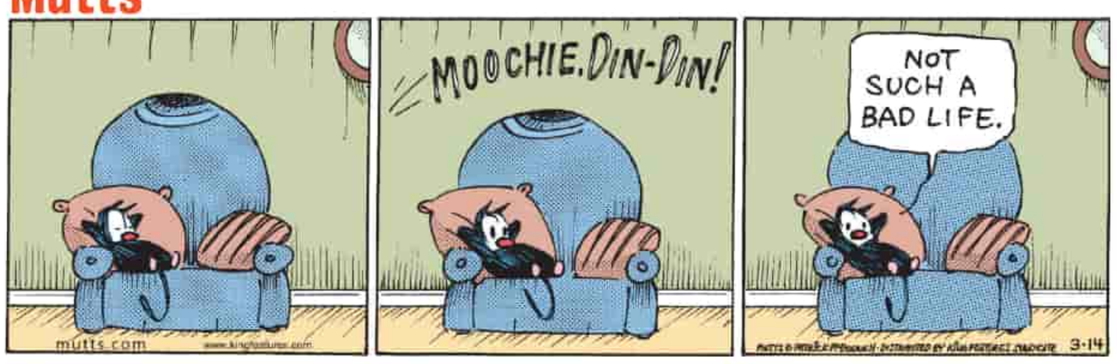
Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you're blessed by the support of your elders. New sources of income may open up, boosting your finances. You might plan a home renovation or receive a large order that significantly expands your family business. Exercise patience when signing contracts. Delayed projects are likely to resume now.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
It's a positive day with strong health and good energy. You'll enjoy your work, but be mindful to avoid being overly blunt. Steer clear of unnecessary arguments to prevent family disputes. If you control your speech, both business partnerships and domestic harmony will flourish. Job seekers may find promising opportunities. Lovebirds should avoid trivial disagreements.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Your vitality may be low today, and an old health issue could resurface, making you feel uneasy. Avoid adventurous travel or rash driving. Stay away from legal conflicts—try to resolve matters out of court. An overseas trip may be on your mind.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Past investments may start yielding good returns. Losses may turn into profits. Implementing new ideas will bring progress in business, and success will come easily today. You may meet an influential person who guides your growth. Lovebirds may consider marriage. Couples might hear good news about children. Job seekers will likely find suitable opportunities.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Family and spousal support today will enhance domestic harmony. Due to a heavy workload, you might not have much time for family, but attending a gathering will uplift your mood. Professionally, you're expected to achieve a strong position. Projects linked to government institutions may commence now.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Spiritual energy may uplift your spirits today. Your mindset is positive and deeply inclined toward spirituality or mysticism. A visit to a religious place might be on the cards. You're drawn toward occult sciences and perfectionism. Keep your insights to yourself unless you're sure the other person understands your wavelength.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
You may feel anxious or restless today due to a lack of patience. Seeking peace, you might turn to spirituality or occult interests. Trust your intuition before making decisions. You may dive deeply into a specific subject or research area with enhanced focus.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
With the Moon favoring you today, you'll see progress both professionally and domestically. Financial gains from investments are likely. Friends and family may return past favors. Your hard work will start to show results and bring success.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today brings better health for children and opportunities for long-term planning. You may consider investments for your child's future. Your commitment at work will be strong. Job seekers might land a role through recommendations. Hidden enemies may surface, but you'll be able to overcome them with divine support.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
You might receive positive news regarding your job. Job seekers will focus hard to crack competitive exams. Singles may find their soulmate and get engaged. You may also hear joyful news regarding childbirth in the family.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You may consider relocating, but it's wise to delay any such decisions for now. Avoid making business investments today. By evening, things will settle down. Guidance from a wise elder will help you regain control over a messy situation.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
A short business trip may bring future rewards. Your professional success may earn you increased respect. Good news from siblings is likely. Job seekers, especially in management roles, may find success. Singles may move toward engagement or commitment.

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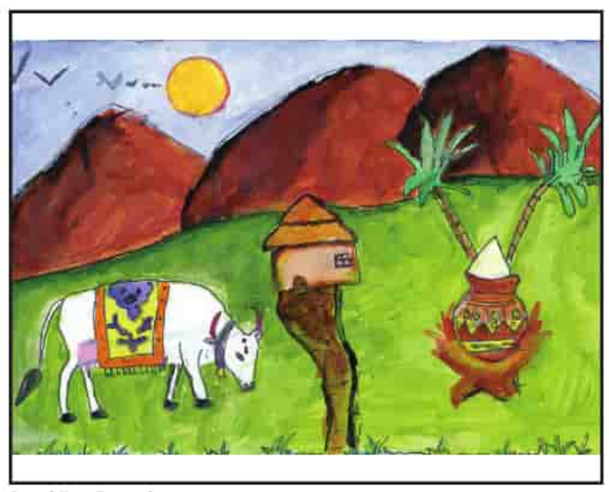

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
x=10y+z.
(y+2)/(y–2)=4.
4y–4z=y+z.
y=5 and z=3. Hence, 53.
3y=5z.
Further, (y+2)/(z–y)=4.
4z–4y=y+z.
3z=5y.
z=5 and y=3. Hence, 35.
Answer 35 and 53.

BULL'S EYE
clef, fickle, file, fire, flock, flick, FLICKER, flier, life, lifer, rifle

STRIKE OUT

S	I	G	N	E	T	S		L	E	A	C	H		
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FAST FIVE

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QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
Never pretend to a love which you do not actually feel, for love is not ours to command.

QUOTE UNCODE
S. Starting at the top left of the diagram, and moving in a Z shape, letters advance through the alphabet in steps of 5.

SUDOKU

9	7	4	3	6	8	2	1	5
8	6	2	1	5	7	3	9	4
5	1	3	4	9	2	6	7	8
7	8	6	2	4	9	5	3	1
3	2	9	5	7	1	4	8	6
4	5	1	8	3	6	9	2	7
6	4	8	7	2	3	1	5	9
1	3	5	9	8	4	7	6	2
2	9	7	6	1	5	8	4	3

ALPHA TRIANGLE
U, DU, Due, Rued, Lured, Hurdle, Hurtled.

GO FIGURE
Easy
8 + 2 – 1 – 6 = 3
Medium
2 + 6 / 8 + 6 = 7
Hard
5 – 3 – 1 + 9 = 10

LOOP

KAKURO

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